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Service approves Carma Paso Robles, LLC Habitat Conservation Plan

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has approved the incidental take permit application and associated Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Paso Robles Phase II Development in Hays County, Texas. The incidental take permit will be in effect for 10 years.

The Carma Paso Robles, LLC, requested an incidental take permit to cover clearing and construction activities on 376 acres of the Paso Robles Phase II Development that may affect the golden-cheeked warbler and its habitat. As part of the Habitat Conservation Plan, Carma Paso Robles, LLC, will mitigate with the purchase of high quality golden-cheeked warbler habitat or conservation credits from a Service-approved conservation bank.

The golden-cheeked warbler is a small, migratory song bird that nests exclusively in central Texas. The bird is threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation as a result of urban encroachment and the clearing of juniper. The golden-cheeked warbler was listed as endangered on December 27, 1990.

Copies of the HCP, incidental take permit and Environmental Assessment are available online at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>. For additional information contact, Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; or by phone at 512-490-0057.

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